



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

Bay City, MI

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Bay City was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in eastern Michigan, Bay City (population 36,817) is a port city bisected by the Saginaw River with access to Lake Huron. Early in its history, the city's economy was based on the lumber industry and then became heavily involved in automotive component manufacturing, heavy machine operations, and shipbuilding. Since the 1960s, the city has experienced a steady decline in industrial activity and population. The unemployment rate is 6.4 percent, and the median household income is lower than the state and national medians. The evolution of industrial and manufacturing facilities during the past 150 years has resulted in many vacant and abandoned industrial sites adjacent to the Saginaw River. In the neighborhood adjacent to the Industrial Brownhoist properties, 33.3 percent of residents live below the



Cleanup Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Bay City for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the 34-acre former Industrial Brownhoist properties at 202 Saginaw Street, 206 South Water Street, and 201 and 301 North Water Street. The sites were historically used for heavy lift crane manufacturing and other industrial operations for more than 100 years, and are contaminated with metals, volatile organic compounds, and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons. Grant funds also will be used to conduct health monitoring and support community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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poverty level, and the median family income is \$20,353. The site is part of a 48-acre site called the Uptown at RiversEdge, which is a major redevelopment goal for the city. When the site is cleaned up, the city plans to redevelop it with a boat basin, marina, and public riverwalk.